

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12-13, 16-17, 20, 31 and 34-37 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 5, 9-11, 14-15, 18-19, 21-30 and 32-33 have been previously cancelled. New claim 38 has been added. Therefore, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12-13, 16-17, 20, 31 and 34-38 are now presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action mailed on March 2, 2005.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 31, 34, 36 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by *Dustan*, U.S. Patent No. 5,884,312 (“*Dustan*”).

Applicants respectfully submit that *Dustan* discloses “*a method for securely accessing information from disparate data sources through a network*. The method includes requesting a logon menu from a network server using *a client and receiving a logon menu at the client*. Next, the method includes communicating a logon input to the network server and communicating the logon input from the network server to a database server. The method then includes *verifying that the logon input is a valid logon input* at the database server, and generating and *storing a unique session identification number at the database server in response to successfully verifying that the logon input is a valid logon input*.” (col. 3, lines 11-23; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites receiving at the service processor a challenge response from the requesting client application, the challenge response including the session identification and a first hash number that is a function of at least one of the challenge string, the session identification, a sequence number, and a password. (emphasis provided).

Nowhere does *Dustan* teach or reasonably suggest the challenge response including the session

identification and a first hash number that is a function of at least one of the challenge string, the session identification, a sequence number, and a password, as recited by claim 1. (emphasis provided). In fact, the Examiner indicated in a final Office Action, mailed on March 2, 2005 that “Dustan does not disclose the challenge string response containing a hash.” (final Office Action, mailed March 2, 2005, page 6, paragraph 7; emphasis provided).

Additionally, Dustan does not teach or reasonably suggest receiving at the service processor a direct platform control (DPC) message from the client application, the DPC message including a second hash number to verify the integrity of the DPC message, as recited by claim 1. (emphasis provided). Thus, for at least the reasons stated above, claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8, 13, 20 and 31 and their dependent claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 6, 7, 17 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Dustan, in view of Kaufman U.S. Patent No. 5,666,415 (“Kaufman”).

Claims 6, 7, 17 and 35 depend from one of independent claims 1, 13 and 31 and thus include all the limitations of the claims from which they depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 7, 17 and 35.

New Claims

New claim 38 depends from independent claim 8 and thus includes the limitations of claim 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 38 is distinguished over the sighted reference.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for a an Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

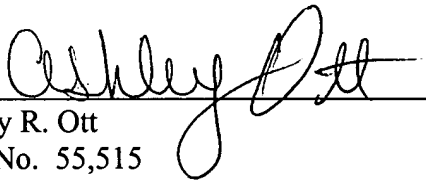
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